GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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HAJ ARRANGEMENTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian pilgrims were stranded at Jeddah for several days due to the inordinate delay in Haj flights;

(b) if so, whether a high level Indian team visited Saudi Arabia to work out a foolproof arrangements in consultation with Saudi officials;

(c) whether any agreement has been reached between the two countries on Haj arrangements; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) and (b):- Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d):- For Haj-2001 movement, arrangements are being made with the Saudi Arabia Airlines to carry a part of Haj pilgrims to send from India. Senior level Officers have visited Jeddah for finalisation of there arrangements/aggreement along with Saudi Arabia Airlines, improved handling a t airport, return flight for some pilgrims from Madinah and provide improved information system to pilgrims and their relatives in India on flight information.